

## Study8: The woman who touched Jesus' cloak

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### Introduction – Never give up

The miracle of the healing of the woman with bleeding appears in three gospels: Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5: 25-34, and Luke 8: 43-48.

### Reading

Mark 5:25-34 (New International Version)

*25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.*

*26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.*

*27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,*

*28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."*

*29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.*

*30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"*

*31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"*

*32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it.*

*33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.*

*34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*



### Study questions

- Why did the woman feel that if she just touched Jesus' cloak she would be healed (vv 27-28)?
- What were the disciples worried about?
- Why was it so important for Jesus to find and speak to the woman?

## Discussion questions

- Have there been times in your life when you've felt like giving up on something, only to find persistence rewarded?
- What place do you see for Christian healing alongside traditional medicine and alternative therapies?
- How do you make sense of those who are not healed?
- What more can we do to ensure our church fully includes those with disabilities?



## Meditation

Revelation 21:1-4

A New Heaven and a New Earth

*1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

*2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

*3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

*4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

## Prayer

*Lord, You know the searchings of my heart. You listen with love and concern to my cares. Hear my heart's sorrows, and heal, O Lord. Cleanse away all my transgressions, Heal my wounds, and set me on my feet to serve you.*

(Dorothy Stewart)

## The Grace

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen*